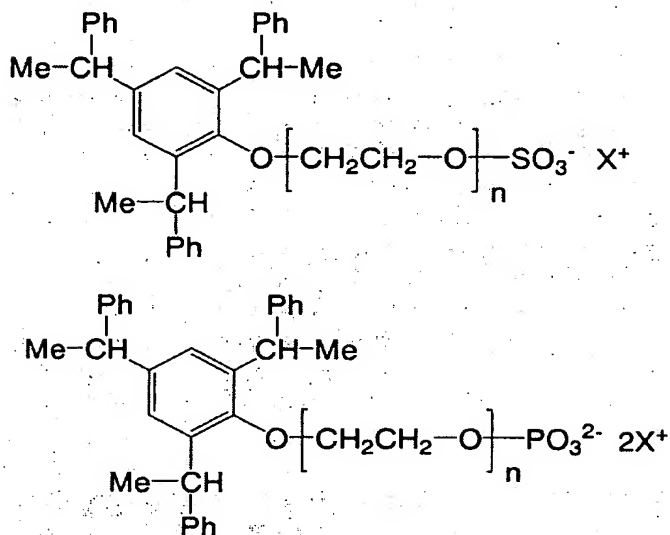
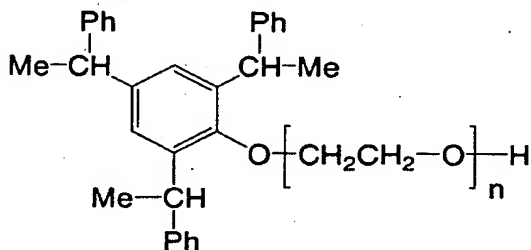


tristyrylphenyl ether phosphate salt" as an ingredient. The two compounds are represented by the following formulae:



The applicants enclose herewith a copy of Chemical Abstract database output as a technical reference, which shows the chemical formula of polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether sulfate sodium salt.

In contrast, Suzuki et al. discloses "tristyryl phenyl ether added thereon with ethylene oxide" in Example 1, which would be understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art to be a compound represented as follows:



Upon comparison, it should be clear to the Examiner that the compound referred to in Suzuki et al. is a significantly different compound from those recited in present claim 1. In particular, the two compounds recited in claim 1 have sulfonate group ($-SO_3^-$) or phosphonate group ($-PO_3^{2-}$), which is electrically charged and strongly hydrophilic, while the Suzuki et al. compound does not have such a group.

Accordingly, the applicants strongly assert that the reference to "tristyryl phenyl ether added thereon with ethylene oxide" in Suzuki et al. can not suggest to nor motivate a person skilled in the art to use, or serve as a reasonable basis for trying the two compounds recited in present claim 1.

In response to the comments in the Advisory Action regarding the reference of Suwa et al. (JP 05-043402 A), this reference discloses "polyoxyethylene styrylphenyl ether sulfate" in the reference claim 1, Examples 1, 2, 5 and 6 and other places. Significantly, however, the reference does not specifically refer to "polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether sulfate salt" of the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, the applicants have shown that neither Suzuki et al. nor Suwa et al. disclose or suggest "polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether sulfate salt" or "polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether phosphate salt". Consequently, it is quite clear that the two references could not provide any teaching or suggestion to motivate a person skilled in the art to combine a lignosulfonate surfactant with "polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether sulfate salt" or "polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether phosphate salt", as recited in present claim 1.

In addition, neither Suzuki et al. nor Suwa et al. refers to a degree of sulfonation of a lignosulfonate surfactant, which is defined as "at least 2.0" in claim


1. As shown in the Rule 132 Declaration filed in the subject application on June 27, 2008, the use of a certain type of lignosulfonate surfactant provides a significant benefit for the presently claimed invention. The cited reference of Deming et al. (US 5,354,742), does not remedy the above described deficiencies of Suzuki et al. and Suwa et al. and a person of ordinary skill in the art could not expect the significant benefits of the presently claimed invention based on the disclosure of the presently cited prior art.

The applicants submit that the Amendment filed April 29, 2008, the Preliminary Submission with Rule 132 Declaration filed June 27, 2008, and the presently filed Second Preliminary Submission provide compelling evidence and arguments demonstrating the allowability of the presently claimed invention under 35 USC 103(a) in view of the prior art.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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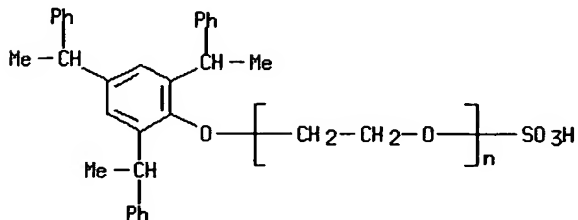
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